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1. The chief of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding, Helmut Gebauer, was relieved of his position on 30 October 1954 and was appointed production chief of the Warnowwerft.
2. The administration of the Warnowwerft was relieved and replaced by the following persons:
  - a. Shipyard chief: Tops Friedrich; April-October 1954, chief of the S. Awerften Rostock; January 1953-April 1954, in the Main Administration for the construction of Transportation and Agricultural Machinery; end of 1951-January 1953, chief director of the VVB Hochseeschiffbau; before 1951, yard director of Warnowwerft.
  - b. Technical director: Franz (fnu); until early 1950, in the Ne. tunwerft; then, technical director of the VVW (Vereinigung Volkseigener Werften); from early 1953-October 1954, technical chief of the Central Construction Offices in Berlin and Warnemuende.
  - c. Commercial director: Harnach (fnu); formerly at Volkswerft Stralsund.
  - d. Chief bookkeeper: Schwardt (fnu); formerly at Maschinenwerft Rismar.
  - e. Planning Chief, Thieme (fnu), remained in his position.
3. Two of the persons replaced above are herewith listed:
  - a. Shipyard Chief Druf (fnu) is allegedly to become chief of the Planning Department of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding.
  - b. Technical Director Geist (fnu) had been transferred to an unknown position.

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4. This reshuffling of the yard administration was allegedly the result of nonfulfillment of the production quotas. The work of the Main Administration and of the shipyards was said to have been becoming progressively worse.
5. The new chief of the Main Administration was not known. The titles of the chief were being carried out by the production chief of the Main Administration, Hans Biedermann.
6. The Main Department of Seewerften Rostock was to be dissolved, because the planned quota had not been met. This affected some 20 persons. Therefore, changes in the structure and personnel plans (Struktur- und Stellenplan), along with a strengthening of the production administration, were necessary. Discussions were constantly under way for the betterment of the work of the Main Administration for Shipbuilding. The following took place: on 20 October 1954, a meeting (Schiffbau-Aktivtagung) of the Main Administration in Rostock; and, on 27 October 1954, a control settlement (Kontrollabschluss) discussion with representatives of the Central Control Department of the Ministry for Machine Construction, Augustin (fnu) and Lattmann (fnu).
7. As of 30 September 1954, the situation regarding fulfillment of the Production Plan for the Main Administration for Shipbuilding was as follows:

Fulfillment of the Total Plan	about 68%
Fulfillment of the Export Plan	56.7%
Fulfillment of the Consumer Goods part of the Plan	about 50%

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